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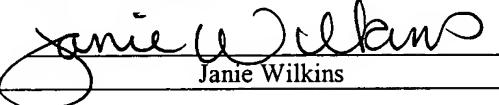


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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed August 28, 2005 included a statement of reasons for allowance. The reasons for allowance cite particular claim elements as being present in the independent claims. In particular, the Examiner indicated that "the combination as claimed wherein an apparatus or method for managing a plurality of products, comprising an average computation unit configured to compute an average of the measured values collected from the same type products (claims 1, 6, 11) is not disclosed, suggested, or made obvious by the prior art of record" (emphasis added). However, the method of Claim 6 and the computer program product of Claim 11 do not recite an average computation unit.

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To the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations not found in the prior art are present in each and every claim whether or not specific language to that effect is found in every claim, it is noted that "the record as a whole" must be considered as a supplement to the statement of reasons for allowance, and to the extent that the record is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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